

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 19 and ending at page 7, line 5 as follows:

--Examples of chemicals having a suitable crosslinking action include organic peroxides such as dicumyl peroxide, t-butyl cumyl peroxide, bis(t-butyl peroxyiso-propyl)benzene, di-t-butyl peroxide, 2,5-dimethyl hexane-2,5-dihydroperoxide, 2,5-dimethyl hexane-3,2,5-dihydroperoxide, 2,5-dimethyl hexane-3,2,5-dihydroperoxide, dibenzoyl peroxide, bis(2,4-dichlorobenzoyl)peroxide, t-butyl perbenzoate, and organic azo compounds such as azo bis-isobutyronitrile and azo bis-cyclohexane nitrile, and dimercapto and polymermercapto compounds such as dimercaptoethane, 1,6-dimercaptohexane, 1,3,5-trimercaptotriazine and mercapto-terminated polysulfide rubbers such as mercapto-terminated reaction products of bis-chloroethyl formal with sodium polysulfide. The optimum temperature at which the post-crosslinking is performed naturally depends on the reactivity of the crosslinking agent and it can be performed at temperatures from room temperature to approx. 180°C, optionally under elevated pressure (see Houben-Weyl, Methoden der organischen Chemie, 4th edition, volume 14/2, page 848). More preferred crosslinking agents are peroxides.--